



December 9, 2010

Ex Parte Filing

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

*Re: In the Matter of Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket
No. 02-60*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 8, 2010, Rhonda McKenzie, President and CEO, Modern Technologies Group, George Jackson, President, Quality Tower Services Limited, Janice Obuchowski and Jay Chauhan (hereinafter MTG/QTSL) met with Trent Harkrader, Division Chief, Jamie Susskind, Greg Guice, Romanda Williams, Divya Shenoy, Chin Yoo, and Cindy Spiers of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division in the Wireline Competition Bureau and Kerry McDermott, Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss MTG/QTSL views on how to ensure the FCC Health Infrastructure Program meets the need of rural and Native American communities with a particular focus on Arizona. MTG/QTSL discussed the need for broadband to rural health care providers to improve health care and enable health care applications such as remote surgery and health distance education. While the need is high, MTG/QTSL shared their experience in the difficulties and high cost in bringing broadband to rural health care providers where facilities may not exist or be adequate. To that end, MTG/QTSL suggested more funding for the Health Infrastructure Program.

MTG/QTSL discussed the need for higher bandwidth services to meet current and future demands and how a mix of technologies could offer the most cost-effective and high quality solution to rural and Native American communities. To help incentivize higher speeds, MTG/QTSL suggested that the FCC give greater consideration to applicant to the Health Infrastructure Program offering higher speeds and maintain a technology neutral approach.

Finally, MTG/QTSL underscored the difficulty rural health care providers have understanding technology access and requirements. MTG/QTSL suggested that the FCC should attempt to reduce administrative burdens to allow greater participation and to increase the scope of eligible costs to include expenses that will help rural health care providers obtain the expertise required to build and operate communications infrastructure.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, please accept this electronic filing for submission. Should you have any questions or concerns in connection with this submission, please contact me at (703) 516-3025.

Respectfully submitted,



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